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From: Chris and Ken Byron [REDACTED]

Sent: 04 August 2013 08:44

To: Reviews@

Subject: Review on Wyre Forest District Council

Dear Review Officer,

We are writing because we are extremely concerned about the proposal to reduce the number of serving officers on the Wyre Forest District Council from 42 to 33. We know that our local representative works extremely hard and is kept continuously busy and we believe that other areas have plenty for their local representative to do too. So we are bewildered by the proposal to reduce the number of councillors by such a substantial amount and are concerned that this is being driven by financial considerations rather than for the good of the people of the Wyre Forest. If saving money is a concern the council should look first to bringing monies paid to officers in line with national guidelines, but we understand this is being tenaciously avoided by those same members of the council who claim to believe that 33 councillors can do the work of 42.

Please don't allow what will effectively be a cut in public services and will yet again affect those most in need the most severely.

In addition, we are concerned that when we went on the web site and tried to access the consultation documents we were warned that it could not be verified that the pages were bona fide and therefore could cause a security problem for your computer. This is extremely off-putting for a member of the public trying to inform themselves of the issues involved and really should not happen on a website of this kind. We are also aware that the consultation has not been well publicised in our area and feel concerned that insufficient energy has gone into attempting to engage the public with this important issue. It hardly supports the view that we need less people in Local Government.

Yours sincerely and hopefully,

Chris and Ken Byron.

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